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DRAFT DECISION II

High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1996

The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolutions 47/92 of 16 December 1992 and 48/162 of 20 December 1993, decides that the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1996 shall be devoted to the consideration of the following major theme: "International cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances and related activities".

DRAFT DECISION III

Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed programme of work for 1996 and 1997, 1/ approves the following provisional agenda for its substantive session of 1996:

1/ E/1996/1 and Add.1.

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

High-level segment

2. International cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances and related activities.

Coordination segment

3. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

   (a) Coordination of the United Nations system activities for poverty eradication;

   (b) Implementation of the agreed conclusions on the theme of the 1995 coordination segment of the Council.

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

4. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation:

   (a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly;

   (b) Coordination of activities on a system-wide basis: strengthening collaboration between the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods institutions in the areas of social and economic development at all levels, including the field level;

   (c) Consideration of the reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme.

General segment

5. Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions:

   (a) Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance;

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

   (c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations;

(d) Human rights questions;

(e) Advancement of women;

(f) Social development questions;

(g) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

(h) Narcotic drugs;

(i) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

6. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions:

(a) Sustainable development;

(b) Trade and development;

(c) Food and agricultural development;

(d) Natural resources;

(e) Energy;

(f) Cultural development;

(g) Population questions;

(h) International cooperation in tax matters;

(i) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

(j) Public administration and development.

7. Regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields.

8. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

9. Coordination questions:

(a) Reports of the coordination bodies;

(b) International cooperation in the field of informatics.

10. Non-governmental organizations.

11. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields.

DRAFT DECISION III

Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 1997

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work for 1997:

A. High-level segment

[Item/items to be selected]

World Economic and Social Survey 1992

B. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes (General Assembly resolution 45/264):

(a) [Theme/themes to be selected]

(b) Implementation of the agreed conclusions on the themes of the 1996 coordination segment of the Council

C. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 50/120)

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly;

(b) Coordination of activities on a system-wide basis;

(c) Consideration of the reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 802 (VIII) and 48/162)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 3404 (XXX) and 50/8)

(d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134) 2/

D. General segment

Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions:

(a) Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 46/182, annex) 2/

Oral reports on special programmes of economic and humanitarian assistance

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 49/146)

(c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)) 2/

(d) Human rights questions

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) 2/

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

2/ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)

Documentation for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies

(e) Advancement of women

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) 2/

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-first session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (LXI))

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the system-wide coordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development (Council resolution 1989/105)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/165 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas 2/

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (General Assembly resolution 50/203) 2/

(f) Social development questions

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56) 2/

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-fifth session (Council resolution 10 (II))

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (General Assembly resolution 50/81) 2/

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made on the follow-up to the International Year of the Family (General Assembly resolution 50/142) 2/

Report of the Secretary-General on the process of implementation of the objectives of education for all (General Assembly resolution 50/143) 2/

(g) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

(h) Narcotic drugs

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fortieth session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971 and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(i) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 2/

Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions:

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1995/53 on consumer protection

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the outcome of the World Food Summit (General Assembly resolution 50/109) 2/

(a) Sustainable development

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fifth session (Council decision 1993/207)

(b) Trade and development

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) 2/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on trade and environmental matters (General Assembly resolution 50/95)

(c) Science and technology for development

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its third session (Council decision 1992/218)

(d) Population questions

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirtieth session (Council resolutions 150 (VII) and 1986/7, General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 1995/209)

(e) Human settlements

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on progress made in the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 and 43/181) 2/

(f) Environment

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) 2/

(g) Desertification and drought

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region and of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 32/172 and 40/209 and Council resolution 1978/37) 2/

(h) Transport of dangerous goods

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Council resolutions 724 C (XXVIII), 1488 (XLVIII), 1983/7 and 1995/5)

(i) Cartography

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fourteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Council decision 1994/228)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (Council decision 1993/225)

(j) International cooperation in tax matters

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV))

(k) Women in development

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178) 2/

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-first session

(l) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (Council resolution 1993/51) 2/

(m) Statistics

Report of the Statistical Commission (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L))

Regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions, prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 1995/48)

Coordination questions

Reports of the coordination bodies

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-seventh session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1997, including the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes (Council resolution 13 (III) and decision 1980/103)

Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made by the United Nations system focal point in the implementation of multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health (Council resolution 1995/62)

Non-governmental organizations

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decision 1995/304)

United Nations University

Report of the Council of the United Nations University for 1996 3/

Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

Calendar of conferences in the economic, social and related fields for the biennium 1998-1999

DRAFT DECISION IV

Consideration of reports of intergovernmental bodies

A. Report of the Trade and Development Board

The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its forty-second session.

B. Report of the Council of the United Nations University

The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session the report of the Council of the United Nations University.

DRAFT DECISION V

World Decade for Cultural Development

The Economic and Social Council, having taken note of the letter dated 9 August 1995 from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, 4/ decides to postpone to its substantive session of 1997 consideration of the biennial progress report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General on the implementation of the goals and objectives of the World Decade for Cultural Development.

3/ Will be considered by the General Assembly in 1997.

4/ E/1996/6.

DRAFT DECISION VI

Dates of the third session of t
Natural Resource

The Economic and Social Council decides tha
Committee on Natural Resources, which was to hav
4 to 15 March 1996, will be held from 6 to 17 Ma

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DRAFT DECISION VII

Participation of non-governmental organizations at the 1996 sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Social Development

The Economic and Social Council

(a) Decides to invite, on an exceptional basis and without prejudice to the outcome of the review of arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations currently under way, all non-governmental organizations which were accredited to participate in the Fourth World Conference on Women and the World Summit for Social Development that are not in consultative status with the Council to participate, respectively, at the fortieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the special session of the Commission for Social Development; those non-governmental organizations shall be accorded rights of participation equivalent to non-governmental organizations with Roster status, but this would in no way confer on those non-governmental organizations Roster or any consultative status with the Council and its subsidiary bodies;

(b) Also decides that the participation of non-governmental organizations from developing countries should be encouraged and facilitated, in particular through adequate funding from appropriate voluntary national and international sources.

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DRAFT DECISION VIII

Dates of the 1996 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides that the 1996 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, which was to have been held at Headquarters from 6 to 17 May 1996, will be held at Headquarters from 13 to 17 May 1996 and from 26 to 30 August.

DRAFT DECISION IX

New and innovative ideas for generating funds

The Economic and Social Council, taking note of the letter dated 6 February 1996 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, 1/ decides to include in the provisional agenda of its substantive session of 1996 an item entitled "New and innovative ideas for generating funds".

1/ E/1996/14.